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1. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECENT EMBASSY REPORTING ON ROK ECONOMIC SITUATION, PARTICULARLY FOREIGN ASSETS PROBLEM. IN THAT CONTEXT WE ARE STRUCK BY APPARENT ROKG DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH MAJOR MILITARY PROCUREMENT FROM BOTH U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRY SOURCES, DESPITE ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE BEST AVAILABLE TABULATION OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED MILITARY EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY ROKG BOTH FROM U.S. AND OTHER SOURCES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT ECONOMIC IMPACT LEVELS OF MILITARY PROCUREMENT BEING CONSIDERED BY ROKG.
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